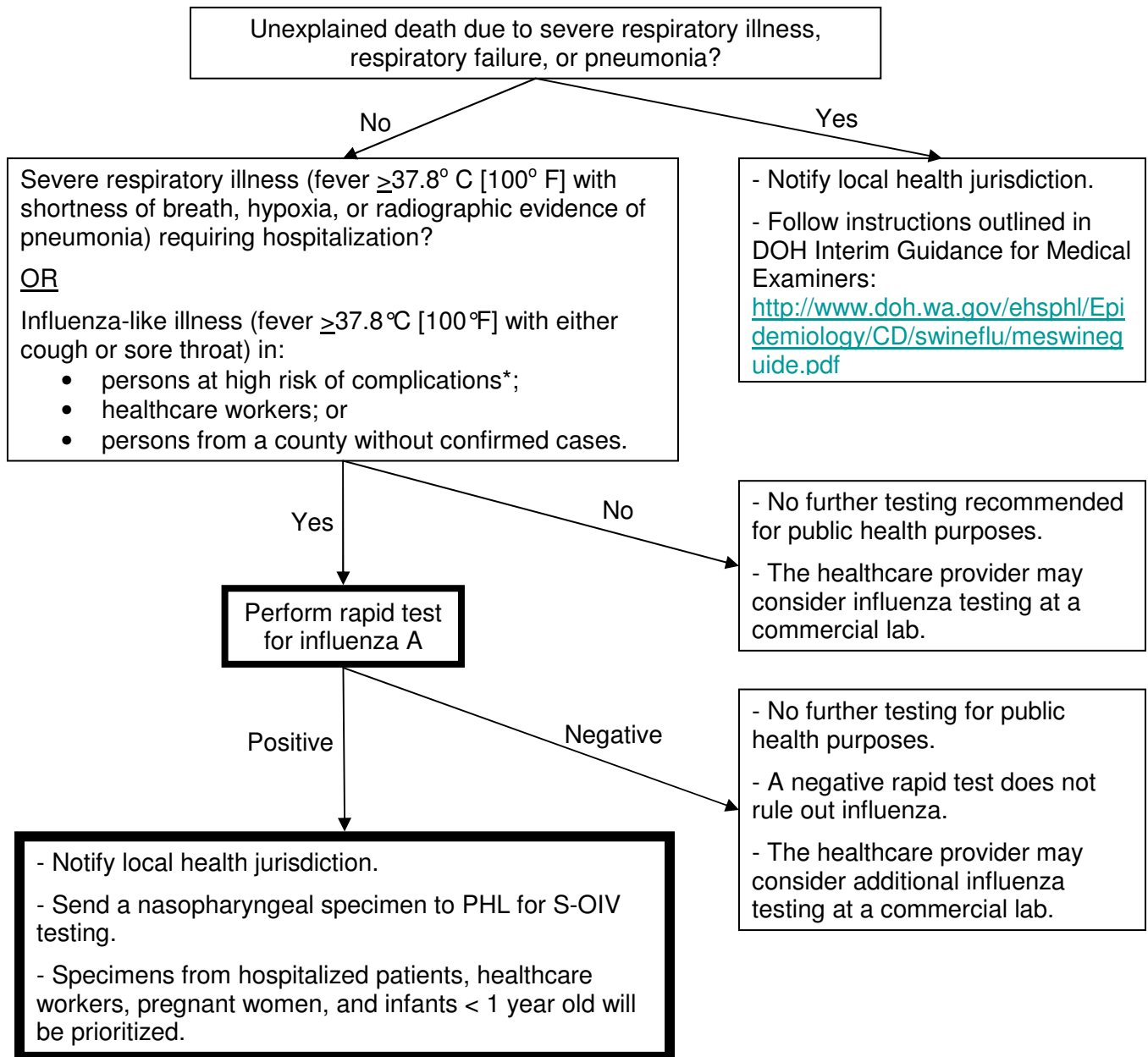


# Swine-origin Influenza A (H1N1) Virus: Algorithm for Testing at the Washington State Public Health Laboratories May 6, 2009



**Note:** Local health jurisdictions have the option to submit specimens for testing which do not fit within this algorithm including specimens from persons associated with outbreaks.

## **Algorithm for Testing at the Washington State Public Health Laboratories, cont.**

\*Persons at high risk of complications from influenza include:

- Infants and children aged <5 years
- Persons with asthma or other chronic pulmonary diseases, such as cystic fibrosis in children or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in adults
- Persons with hemodynamically significant cardiac disease
- Persons who have immunosuppressive disorders or are receiving immunosuppressive therapy
- HIV-infected persons
- Pregnant women
- Persons with sickle cell anemia or other hemoglobinopathies
- Persons on long-term aspirin therapy for diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis or Kawasaki disease
- Persons with chronic renal dysfunction
- Persons with cancer
- Persons with chronic metabolic disease, such as diabetes mellitus
- Persons with neuromuscular disorders, seizure disorders, or cognitive dysfunction that may compromise the handling of respiratory secretions
- Adults aged >65 years
- Residents of any age of nursing homes or other long-term care institutions